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- 1. Many Croats in Zagreb are in favor of an independent Croatia, and many show pro-Ustashi sympathies. Many Croats believe that secret channels exist between Austria and Yugoslavia, and that Croatian nationalist intelligence agents are using them. They also believe that there is a Croatian army-in-exile somewhere abroad.
- 2. In the army, soldiers belonging to the same nationality have their own informer groups and when off duty, rarely mix with other nationalities. They do not fight each other, but they do not care for other groups. This situation continues in spite of threats and recommendations by superior officers.
- 3. In Macedonia people of Moslem religion are eager to emigrate to Turkey, although they usually can speak only Macedonian. The government allows them to leave, but they have to pay 15,000 dinars in order to obtain permission.
- 4. In Slovenia the Slovenes look down upon Croats and Serbs, charge them higher prices in restaurants, and ignore them as much as they can. The authorities in Slovenia do very much what they wish, and do not take orders from Belgrade. An example of this can be seen in the fact that the people of Slovenia celebrate Christmas and other religious holidays despite Party orders from Belgrade to the contrary.

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